

Churches broadcasting worship online and broadcasts on TV and Radio

Sandra continues her online service every Sunday at 10.30am and Wednesday night "Soothe your Soul Night Prayer" at 8pm on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/Little-Great-Churches-at-Home-110993963898881/>

Also now uploading all the videos to YouTube and these can be viewed on our

Lt and Gt Churches at Home YouTube Channel

St Mary and St Leonard, Broomfield

[St. Mary with St. Leonard, The Parish church of Broomfield \(stmarybroomfield.org\)](http://St.Mary.with.St.Leonard.The.Parish.church.of.Broomfield.stmarybroomfield.org)

St Francis, Beaulieu are broadcasting via their Facebook page. "Early Bird" at 06:30 Monday - Friday and "Night Prayer" at 21:30 Monday - Friday -

<https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisChelmsford>

The Church of England has published a list of Churches that are online. It may not be entirely accurate, but worth checking -

[https://www.achurchnearyou.com/live-stream/?tags=Live stream](https://www.achurchnearyou.com/live-stream/?tags=Live%20stream)

On TV

BBC2 'Songs of Praise' on Sundays at 1.15pm

On the radio BBC Radio 4 'Sunday Worship' at 8.10am

Daily Hope phone line 24 hours a day **0800 804 8044**

Let's discuss sex, religion ...and possibly politics

In 2020 the Church of England introduced a unique process of developing our understanding of the range of views in the Church about sexuality and identity called *Living in Love and Faith*. The course objective is not to change views rather to deepen understanding.

Session 1 Learning Together -- What does it mean to learn together as followers of Jesus Christ?

Session 2 Identity -- How does our identity in Christ relate to sex and gender?

Session 3 Relationships -- What kinds of relationships does God call us to?

Session 4 Sex -- Where do our bodies and sex fit in to all of this?

Session 5 Life together -- How do diversity and difference affect our life together as a church?

If you would like to explore Living in Love and Faith further there will be an in-person course at St Augustines starting on 16 January at 4-5.30pm. To ensure everyone can feel safe to discuss these sensitive matters together participants will be asked to sign up to the 12 Commitments of Living in Love and Faith at the first session they attend before continuing the course. If you have any questions, please contact Rev Susan or Rev Caroline. Booking is by email to Alison Bates littleandgreat@outlook.com or phone 01245 361190 (please leave your name and number if you get the answerphone).



Welcome to your Church Pew Sheet for January 2022



January Church Services - subject to government guidelines

2nd Jan

9.30am - Family Service - Little Leighs
11.00am - Communion - Great Waltham

9th Jan

9.30am - Communion - Ford End
9.30am - Communion - Little Leighs

16th Jan

10.00am - Community Service - Ford End
11.00am - Communion - Great Waltham
11.00am - Communion - Little Waltham
11.00am - Communion - The Chignals

23rd Jan

9.30am - Communion - Ford End
9.30am - Communion - Great Leighs

30th Jan

11.00am - Joint Christingle - Great Waltham

Private Prayer

Little Waltham: Sundays 11am - 3pm

Little Leighs: open every day for private prayer

Ford End: open every day 10am - 4pm for private prayer

The Chignals: Sundays 10-6pm - open for private prayer unless a service is taking place.

Morning Prayer

Revd Carolyn will be saying morning prayer in Ford End Church at 8.30am every Monday and in Great Waltham Church at 9am every Wednesday. Everyone is welcome.

Coffee with Christ

at St John's Little Leighs
on 19th January at 9.30am.

Community Service at 10am, Ford End Church on Jan 16th. Please come and support this new Community Service for all ages. It's at a slightly later time at Ford End to help on a Sunday Morning.

Parish administrator: Alison Bates
admin@littleandgreat.org.uk 07957 228467
Church Websites: www.greatwalthamchurch.org.uk
<https://churchesattheleighsandlittlewaltham.org>

Please Pray:

- For all those affected by Covid-19.
- Thank You Lord for the gifts and talents You have given to us. Help us to use them to bless You and bless others. Thank You for trusting us with these gifts.
- The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is kept annually between 18 January and 25 January. Please remember the words of Jesus: "A new command I give you: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35).
- For those struggling at this wintertime of year, please give them Your joy especially at the start of a new year.
- For all those who need our prayers due to sickness or ill health, especially Pat Mitchell, Luke Wiffen, Richard Gibson, Joanne McLachlan, Stephen Lidbury, John Trew, Jean Sly and others we know.
- For those who mourn, especially the family and friends of Olive Ann Smith, Brian Bevin and Terrence Salmon.

Christmas Concert and Christmas Fayre

A big thank you to everyone helped with the Christmas concert and fayre. The total profit was £1412.28.

As you go on your way, may God go with you.
May God go before you to show you the way.
May God go behind you to encourage you,
beside you to befriend you,
above you to watch over,
within you to give you peace.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit. John Ylvisaker

Great Waltham and Ford End We would like to ensure that everyone who wants to come to Church can. If you would like a lift to Church or you are able to offer a lift please let David Williams or Jo Pritchard know.

Where will your journey take you in 2022?

Just starting out? Not sure of the direction? Tentative steps? Striding out with confidence?
At a crossroads? This day of discovery is for you
Bradwell Area Vocations Day Saturday 29th January 2022 9am to 3.30pm at St Nicholas Church, Long Road, Canvey Island, Essex SS8 0JR To register your place, please email KNegri@chelmsford.anglican.org Lunch is included. Please notify Karen of any dietary requirements. Please reserve your space now by Friday 21st January 2022.

Workshops include: Ordained Ministry, Licensed Lay Minister, Pastoral Assistant, Authorised Local Preacher, Spiritual Support, Course in Christian Studies, Parish Wardens

Let the flame of your love never be quenched in our hearts, O Lord. Waking or sleeping, living or dying, let us delight in your presence. Let the flame of your love brighten our souls and illumine our path, and let the majesty of your glory be our joy, our life and our strength now and forever. Amen. (Johann Arndt, 1555-1621)

Daily Devotional for 2022

For 2022 we have decided to read a daily devotional called 'The Beautiful Word: Bringing the goodness of scripture to life in your heart'.
If you would like a free copy, please let Carol or Jo Pritchard know. We also have a WhatsApp group to share encouraging messages, please let Jo know if you'd like to join the group.

Gate of The Year

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East. Minnie Louise Haskins

We are looking for a church presence on the board of governors of Great Waltham School. If anyone is interested, please talk to Revd Carolyn and she can give you an idea of what the role involves.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5

New Year Message 2022 from The Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani The Bishop of Chelmsford

And so we come once more to the turn of another year. It can be a time for reflecting on the year that's past or looking forward to the year that is to come. No doubt this involves mixed emotions for all of us.
The last year has been one of great challenge for us as individuals, communities and nations, and yet there have been times of joy and celebration too. But if we've learnt anything, surely it is that we have much less control than we might like to imagine. Life can change in the blink of an eye.
And it can be hard to know how to respond to this uncertainty. And yet, if we allow it, throughout everything, prayer remains at the heart of all we do, both a comfort and a mystery. Through our intercessions we bring before God the deepest longings and desires of our heart, for ourselves, our communities, for the church and for the world.
Through the gift of silence and contemplation we seek to journey deeper into our understanding of God and the discovery of what we are each called to do and be. To pray is a duty and a joy but it can sometimes be hard and we don't always understand the ways of God. To remain faithful in prayer requires patience, perseverance and trust.
By praying for one another and with one another, we recognise our reliance on God and we also acknowledge our need of each other. As Christian disciples we are called to care for ourselves and for others and there is no better way to begin than by bringing others before God in prayer. We give thanks with those who rejoice and we weep with those who mourn.
May this commitment to pray strengthen us in our relationships, so that together we may be a witness to God's love for the world.